

City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, millions of Americans are direct victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more people, including victim's relatives, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave an emotional, physical, and financial impact on people of all ages, abilities, and economic, racial and social backgrounds, and victims of crime need compassionate services and just compensation to transform into crime survivors; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the progress that our nation has made in recognizing crime's impact on all victims since the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 1981; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme of "New Challenges, New Solutions" encourages a greater emphasis on learning what works when trying to meet the needs of the victims; and

WHEREAS, we recognize advocates for the comprehensive representation they provide to crime victims; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney and its Victim/Witness Assistance Program are daily partners with victim service programs, public safety and criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the City of Norfolk and the Commonwealth of Virginia.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 – 27, 2013 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in the City of Norfolk and reaffirm the City's commitment to respect and enforce victim's rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year and express our appreciation for those victims who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 2013.




PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR